

IN THE CLAIMS

1-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A device for distributing lubricants in grooved rails, comprising:

an elongated plate adapted to be arranged in the groove of the rail and having a plurality of cutouts at least along one longitudinal edge,

said cutouts starting at the longitudinal edge and being open-edged, the lubricant being supplied to said cutouts so that the lubricant flows out through the open edges of said cutouts, and wherein the open-edged cutouts of the elongated plate are covered by a cover plate which is constructed so as to be elastic at least in the covering area.

9. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 8, wherein the elongated plate has cutouts on two opposing long edges, and wherein the cover plate which is constructed so as to be elastic in the area in which it covers the open-edged cutouts is covered by a substantially I-shaped plate, wherein the width(s) of the web of this I-shaped plate ~~corresponds to~~ substantially covers the minimum distance between the open-edged cutouts of the plate having the open-edged cutouts located opposite one another.

10. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, further comprising a feed device having a plurality of plates fixed in the groove of the rail, one on top of the other as a stack;

wherein the bottom plate of the plates is provided with a first flow divider which is constructed as an elongated cutout in the plate;

wherein a feed opening for the lubricant opens into the first flow divider;

said first flow divider communicates, via at least two openings which are at a distance from one another, with second flow dividers which are arranged in another plate of the stack of the plates; and

wherein the plate having the second flow dividers is followed in the stack by a plate which communicates, via through-openings, with the second flow dividers and which can also be connected to the lubricant delivery openings and which covers the second flow dividers of the plate.

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10, wherein the second flow dividers are formed as ~~depressions, particularly~~ I-shaped depressions, in the plate on which the second flow dividers are arranged, wherein the openings for feeding the lubricant to the flow dividers are formed as holes in the base of the depression.

12. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 10, wherein the flow dividers arranged in the other plate are formed as ~~a hole, particularly~~ an I-shaped hole, in the another plate, wherein the plate is covered on one side by a base which is fixedly connected to it and which bridges the holes and is provided with the through-openings for the lubricant which open into the holes of the plate.

13. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 11, wherein when the second flow dividers are formed in an I-shaped manner, the through-openings which join the flow dividers in the plate with the lubricant delivery openings lie above the flanges of the I-shaped flow dividers, wherein a pair of through-openings is allocated to each flange, and wherein each of these through-openings opens into one of the cutouts which are cut into the longitudinal edges of the plate and which form the lubricant delivery openings.

14. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 10, wherein a nipple which is provided with a male cone is inserted, into the feed opening of the bottom plate, and wherein the male cone projects into a through-opening which opens into the groove of the rail, another nipple which is provided with a female cone corresponding to the male cone being inserted, into this through-opening, and wherein the female cone tightly contacts the male cone.

15. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the elongated plate has a plurality of cutouts along two opposite longitudinal edges.

16. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 8, wherein the elongated plate has a plurality of U-shaped cutouts along two opposite longitudinal edges.